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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE ICAC PLENARY NEW DELHI

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PASS AGRICULTURE

1. IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL THE CHARGE CALLED SPECIAL SECRETARY SANYAL IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE US WAS NOT SIMPLY INSISTING THAT ISRAEL, TAIWAN, PORTUGAL BE INVITED TO THE ICAC PLENARY. THE ISSUE WAS A BROADER ONE THAT TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD NOT BECOME CAUGHT UP IN POLITICAL MATTERS. THE CHARGE THEN READ OUT TO SANYAL THE PORTION OF PARA 2 REFTEL STARTING "IF THE GOI FAILS TO REACH A FIRM DECISION BY SEPTEMBER 28" AND ENDING AT THE FYI. SANYAL CAREFULLY TOOK DOWN THESE POINTS.

2. SANYAL EXPLAINED THAT THE GOI HAD BEEN TRYING TO WORK OUT THIS PROBLEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE US POSITION THAT POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF A TECHNICAL NATURE. HE SAID THE QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND REFERRED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK FOR A DECISION. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT THE GOI
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HAD NOT FOCUSED CLOSELY ON THE ISSUE OF TAIWAN BUT THAT IT

NOW WOULD (APPARENTLY IT HAD ON THAT OF ISRAEL). THE CHARGE POINTED OUT AGAIN THAT THE ISSUE WAS NOT RPT NOT ONE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. IT WAS AN ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE RELATED TO NONINTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL ISSUES IN TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. SANYAL SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND BE BACK INHDOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

4. WE HAVE NOW MADE OUR POSITION ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN UN-VARNISHED FORM ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS WITH SANYAL. WE BELIEVE

SANYAL IS SEEKING A WAY OUT BUT THAT PROCESSES OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT--STRAINED BY THE ABSENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER--ARE FUNCTIONING ONLY SLOWLY. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HAVE THE ISSUE RAISED IN NEW YORK TO SPEED THESE PROCESSES.
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